

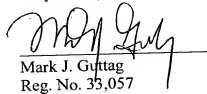
**REMARKS**

Favorable consideration of this application as presently amended is respectfully requested. Claims 18, 23-24, 28-29, 33-34, 39, 42, 45, 49-50, 57, 69-70, 80-81, 83 and 91-92 are pending. In this Amendment, claims 1-17, 19-22, 25-27, 30-32, 35-38, 43-44, 51-56, 58-68, 71-79, 82, 84-90, and 93-139 are canceled and claims 18, 23, 57, 70 and 80 are amended. No new matter is added.

The specification has been to claim priority of the parent case (U.S. App. No. 09/187,730) of the present application. The remaining amendments to the specification have been made in the parent case of the present application. These amendments correct typographical, spelling and grammatical errors and help clarify the subject matter of the present application.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance, and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

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